

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMIREX Members and Consultants

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation--Imagery Policy Manual

1. Last week I received the final volume of the Imagery Policy Manual from the printers. This represents a milestone in the publication of what should prove to be a highly valuable baseline document for implementing imagery intelligence policy. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all members and consultants on the Committee for your support in this project.

2. The wide range of policy that is addressed in the IPM required rather extensive and detailed coordination within the Community. Through this coordination process we quickly learned that there were many divergent viewpoints and varying interests that had to be accommodated. The numerous drafts that resulted is clear evidence of this. Even though we worked very hard at resolving all issues early during this coordination phase, there remained at the end a few points that required compromise on your part. It was in your willingness to view the manual from a Community-perspective rather than from a parochial interest that you demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and compromise that made it possible to complete this project. Out of this process I believe the best possible document resulted. In light of this, all members and consultants are to be commended for their support. I ask that you extend my appreciation to those on your staff who participated in this project.

3. After years of working with a conglomerate of ad hoc and interim guidance, we now have this comprehensive baseline Imagery Policy Manual available for use in the Community. With this milestone now reached, I plan to focus on keeping the manual current so as to avoid backsliding to where we were when we started to put the document together. My intent is to issue, on a timely bases, page changes to the IPM whenever policy decisions would so warrant.

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4. It may have taken us eight months to produce this manual, but we were able to do in those eight months what had not been possible in eight years-- produce a comprehensive Imagery Policy Manual that covers a wide range of policy issues associated with imagery intelligence. Again, I thank all of you for your support and cooperation in this effort.

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